(c) whether it has been decided to undertake a new survey in regard to the orginating points of other Himalayan rivers on the lines of Gangotri; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT PALA) : (a) and (b) Geological Survey of India (GSI) has informed that GSI is not carrying out any work on Gangotri since 1996. GSI has, however, observed that recent reports have shown that the Gangotri glacier has been melting at satisfactory level. Further, National Institute of Hydrology has carried out research studies and the analysis of flow data observed by the institute for the period from the year 2000 to 2008 does not indicate any definite trend.

(c) GSI has informed that has been decided to undertake new surveys in regard to originating points of other Himalayan rivers.

(d) Does not arise.

Energy generation projects

†3503. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD :
SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI :
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that it has been decided so far to set up only two atomic energy generation projects;

(b) if so, the facts thereof and whether the basic blueprint has been drawn for these projects;

(c) if so, the estimated expenditure in regard to setting up the project and amount of foreign capital therein; and

(d) the average production cost of the energy generated in these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN) : (a) and (b) Proposals for setting up of two nuclear power projects - KAPP 3&4 (2×700 MWe) at Kakrapar in Gujarat and RAPP 7&8 (2×700 MWe) at Rawatbhata in Rajasthan are under the consideration of the Government. No decision has been taken in this regard.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Location for Nuclear Reactors

3504. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY :
SHRI TARIQ ANWAR :
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has finalized location for $150 bn. US nuclear power reactor promised to Washington during negotiations for ending India's isolation from global nuclear commerce;

(b) whether any final decision for finalizing sites for US origin nuclear reactors has been finalized; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Efficiency of Nuclear Plants

3505. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is focussing on the raising of efficiency of nuclear plants in Andhra Pradesh particularly for Manuguru and other plants;

(b) if so, the complete details thereof; and

(c) the present status of working conditions and efficiency of nuclear plants, State-wise especially in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN) : (a) There is no Nuclear Power Plant in Andhra Pradesh.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Rajasthan Atomic Power Plants

3506. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Units 1 and 2 of Rajasthan Atomic Power Station (RAPS) Rawatbhata are under shutdown since June, 2008 for lack of fuel supply;

(b) if so, the total requirement of nuclear fuel asked for by Rajasthan Government and by when the reported nuclear fuel supply expected from 'Nuclear Fuel Complex in Hyderabad' for use of RAPS;

(c) whether State Government of Rajasthan has also requested to enhance its allocation from RAPS units; and

(d) if so, the steps so far taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN) : (a) RAPS-1 has been shut down for techno-economic evaluation on its refurbishment/continuation of operation. RAPS-2 was shutdown for En-Mass Feeder Replacement and this has been completed.

(b) Fuel loading in RAPS-2 has commenced. The Unit is expected to come one line in September 2009.

(c) and (d) The Government had adjusted the share of Rajasthan in the unallocated share of all central generating sations in the Northern Electricity Reigion including RAPS-3&4.

Nuclear material for Power Generation

3507. SHRI P. RAJEEVE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: